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## Elba girl killed instantly in Friday car-truck collision

ELBA YOUTH KILLED IN WRECK . . . Fourteen-year-old Brooke Daugherty was killed last Friday in this car-truck collision on the Beaver Dam Creek bridge in Elba. In the above photo a member of the Elba Rescue Squad applies first aid to Chuck Daugherty, driver of the

car, while waiting for rescue vehicles to arrive. The driver received serious injuries in the crash, while the driver of the tractor-trailer received only minor lacerations. (See accompany article.)

The excitement of falling snow, freezing rain and an unexpected holiday from school turned suddenly into shock and deep sadness as a popular young student at Elba High School was killed in a traffic accident involving a tractor-trailer rig.

Killed instantly in the accident, which occurred at approximately 12:18 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 5, was Brooke Renee Daugherty, age 14, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Daugherty, of Elba. Chuck Daugherty, 17, brother of the victim and driver of the car involved in the accident, received serious injuries and is hospitalized in a Dothan hospital with internal injuries.

Freezing rain and snow began to fall during the afternoon of Friday, Feb. 5, and officials made the decision to close the schools at 12:00 (noon). According to an eye witness at the scene of the accident and police reports, Daugherty was returning home from school and crossing the Beaver Dam Creek

bridge located on Highway 84 West in Elba.

The Camaro driven by Daugherty was in the lane closest to the guard rail and as the car traveled across the four-lane bridge it apparently lost traction due to the icy conditions and began to swerve out of control.

As the vehicle swerved to the right of the bridge it crossed the center line and into the path of oncoming traffic. The vehicle reportedly slid off the bridge and was struck by a



BROOKE DAUGHERTY

transferred to a Dothan hospital with serious internal injuries.

The driver of the tractor-trailer was identified as John Douglas Bush of Dothan, and received only minor injuries in the accident.

Brooke Daugherty was an eighth-grade student at Elba High School and was enrolled in the advanced curriculum. She was an active member of the Elba High School Band for three years and played first clarinet with the concert band.

An honor student, Daugherty had placed two consecutive years in the American Junior High School Math Honor Roll. She was also an active member of the Junior Beta Club and Chi Alpha Mu mathematics fraternity.

## Herbicide spraying to save money

The Coffee County Commission met in regular session Monday, Feb. 8, at the courthouse in Elba and heard county engineer Mark Pool state that the county would do extensive spraying of herbicide along rights-of-way during the summer and estimated the herbicide program would cost as much as \$25,000.

Pool reported that in the past the county would have rights-of-way cut during the summer and by the time the commissioners had cut the first areas were again in need of cutting, and then went without cutting during the winter.

Monday's bi-monthly meeting began at 9 a.m., and after the routine approval of minutes the commissioners opened the number of bids on items for the county highway department.

Low bidder on galvanized posts

to be used for road signs was Vulcan Signs with a bid of \$8,580 on 600 posts, while the low bidder on signs was Traffic Signs Inc., with a price of \$7,384.50.

The opening of the herbicide bids was witnessed by the commissioners when the low bid on three pounds of "Aust" was \$338.37 from Terra. The low bid was accepted after the engineer stated the herbicide would be used exclusively on county roads and the low bidder number of herbicide listed as "MSMA" was \$25.62 on a two-and-a-half-gallon container from Helena Chemical.

The monthly opening of gasoline and oil bids was also done at Monday's meeting with Howell Oil Company being low bidder on 8,300 gallons of diesel fuel with a bid of \$4,150. Cockwin Oil Company of Andalusia was low bidder on 8,300 gallons of gasoline with a bid of \$6,258.20, but receiving the contract was Heath Oil Company of Enterprise, with a bid of \$6,299.70, after the commission determined the in-cash price bid was within the three percent range that was allowed when awarding bids.

In other action at Monday's meeting, the commission

approved a request by the Zion Farm Boosters to use the Zion Farm Center for a country music show that will be a fund-raiser for the organization;

agreed to pay the power company \$200 a month for the light poles at the fairgrounds and the sewer system which simply drew a sigh from all members.

\*\*\*heard a resident of Heritage Heights complain about the use of the streets in the subdivision by trucks servicing chicken houses located on a dirt road behind the subdivision.

\*\*\*presented a survey of gasoline usage by all county vehicles as broken down by individual vehicle;

\*\*\*was informed that private drive signs are being blocked a road in the interests of the county;

\*\*\*discussed the future use of bridge repair funds in the county and approved a three-year plan presented by the county engineer;

\*\*\*enacted the passage of Amendment 3 in the upcoming amendment election;

\*\*\*was informed that the state director of the Emergency Management Agency would speak at a public meeting Thursday night, Feb. 11, at the Farm Center Conference room;

\*\*\*was reminded that Monday, Feb. 15, was a county holiday;

Robert Stevens reported that his restoration efforts of the fountain on Courthouse Square in Elba had resulted in private donations of \$1600;

\*\*\*heard Comm. Sid Averett report that a 9 percent bid had been offered for land to the commission at a cost of \$5,000 for the future site of a county health department;

\*\*\*updated the employee handbook;

\*\*\*heard the county engineer state the new water system would like to include the random drug testing of employees in the employee handbook; and

\*\*\*paid bills.

beginning in the fall of 1988. If these tests are successful, changes in the system may be implemented across the state.

The Governor's Welfare Reform Commission will hold public forums in six Alabama cities during February and March to get public opinion on how the welfare system should be changed. The forums will be held in Selma, Enterprise, Birmingham, Mobile, Montgomery and Decatur.

State Human Resources Commissioner Andy Hornsby said that comments and ideas presented at the forums will be considered for inclusion in a welfare reform plan.

"People who wish to speak on the forums can be placed on an agenda by calling their county Department of Human Resources," said Hornsby.

This plan, which is expected to include significant changes in the welfare system, will be tested in selected Alabama counties, probably



Pictured are three members of the board of the Elba Unit of the Coffee County Heart Association as they express their thanks to Mayor Bob M. English for signing a proclamation declaring February as Heart Month in Elba. Members are: [Standing] Annette Hammond -Publicity Chairman; Lois Holt, chairman of Development Committee; and Rev. Larry Powell, Development Committee. [Seated - Mayor English]

## Elba school board discusses nutrition

The Elba City School Board met Tuesday evening, but barely. Only three members were present of the five appointed. However, the three gave the board a quorum and the meeting proceeded.

C. W. Crews presented a strong financial statement for the month, noting this was the time of year when the property tax flow in and funds are built up to operate through the lean months of the year. The little income is received from the tax.

Ronald Morrow was present on behalf of the Elba Jaycees, requesting use of the school cafeteria for a circus. The board members discussed insurance requirements spelled out, etc., and safety of students in school assured. The board members agreed to give an answer in writing to the Jaycees.

The child nutrition program was again a subject of discussion. Crews noted that an audit had been completed and some recommendations were made that were already being put into place. Lunchroom managers will be giving more variety of vegetables with the addition of salads, etc.

White, who oversees the lunchrooms, noted that no major recommendations for changing the menus were made. He said that

state officials did note that it was counterproductive to add nutritional items to the menu if it was something the children wouldn't eat and only dumped into the garbage.

For the first time, the board was asked to consider the feeding program were received by either Crews or Powell.

A request for a candy sales campaign by the local SADD chapter was taken under consideration. It was taken under consideration that the money available was available to the superintendent.

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## Council holds short meeting

The Elba City Council met Monday without Mayor Bob English who was fighting a virus and was hospitalized. He returned to work Tuesday.

Very little business was on the agenda, with paying the bills being the only action taken by the council. The City Clerk reported to the council that his department had been busy, but with only one serious accident. "It is sad when one of our young people dies in an accident," he said. "It happened Friday," White said. He noted that the accident happened on an icy bridge and claimed the life of a

14-year-old girl.

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## BRAINSTORMS

By Ferrin Cox

Last Friday during the cold, icy weather, we covered a wreck that claimed the life of a 14-year-old girl. During our career we have covered more car wrecks, shootings, airplane crashes, etc., than even we can begin to count, but they still are not pleasure trips. We have learned to clamp our jaw and accept it as a fact of life. We just jolted into our car, turn on the heater and now we are on our way and we hurt every time one of us gets home. Pictures, if you will, the hurt we were experiencing from this girl's death... one in which we know her parents and know she is (was) a top-notch girl with bushels of friends and a head full of smarts. Then realize she was buried in a dress, complete with makeup, that her parents had purchased for her to wear to the funeral home. If you think thoughts don't bring tears to your eyes and tear your guts loose and churn them around, well... well, you are made a whole lot different than this country boy.

The Alabama legislature is considering a bill to require the burning of automobile headlight in the rain. Many states already require this, and we have been surprised that Alabama hasn't made this move before. Neighboring states use this extra warning to motorists and we find ourselves doing it in Alabama already. Here is a bill that could save lives by warning oncoming motorists that we are coming, and it will not cost a thing.

We are continuing to monitor the local hospital situation from week to week. The bottom line is continuing good health for our citizens. We feel we are on solid ground by saying that city officials and the hospital board members feel the same way. They are also concerned about the well-being of the employees at the hospital. We have been told that the hospital is not doing well. They don't know if we will be open next year, next month, next week... or even tomorrow, and frankly we don't know exactly what to say to them on this. Whatever happened between National Healthcare, the hospital authority, the city or another leasing firm... someone has got to be on board to operate the hospital and give quality care to our sick neighbors and personal care to the nursing home residents. There should be an extra star in the crown of those who suffer the mental strain of not having any idea of what the future holds.

We agree with Gov. Hunt's opening statement about not supporting more money for education. We believe it's done some good. However, we feel we get paid what first sentence, we can branch out in 40 directions. While it is true we can't solve all our problems by throwing more money at them, we must also admit some of the problems could have been caused by a shortage of money. There have been cases of building monuments to someone instead of educating children. There are cases of extra staffing at various levels instead of teaching. There are cases of not having enough money for education to get a whole lot better in our public schools. When good teachers try to do more than get by until payday, they often suffer the wrath of defensive parents or worse - grossly uninformed parents who don't understand nothing. Parents must get out from front of that tub to away from our expensive adult toys and instill in our children a desire to learn.

We were amused last week by a visitor. Let's go back a bit. At the end of a city council meeting we agreed that the city shouldn't work on private property unless it's been given permission because we feel it's been bad for them, and not for us. Well, the case we cited for getting city help for dirt was strongly denied. We dropped the matter and didn't mention it again... until a receiver of the dirt came to state his side of the story. Apparently he had been told we were putting out some pressure about the dirt work... in spite of the fact we were told we were not. We then had to admit the case was not true. We drove the truck, etc., to deny it to us and then tell the folks getting the service they are going to have to lie low kinda makes this country boy mad, mad, mad. However, if our city officials need the crutch of us "watching their every move" to keep from breaking the law, then we will proudly wear that badge. We have people tell us almost every week that is the excuse they get for not doing something or other, along with reports of someone else getting dirt, sewers unstopped under houses or trailers, etc.



KINSTON FFA PRESENTS FRUIT TO NURSING HOME... Members of the Kinston Future Farmers of America presented oranges to residents of the Elba Nursing Home and Opp Nursing Home last week. Pictured above making the presentation at the Elba facility are L-R: Allen Teel, Vivian Willis, Chris Bagwell, Grace Kilcrease and FFA sponsor James Hudson.

### Job Placements Increase In State

In January job placements by the State Employment Service increased two percent over the same month a year ago.

According to officials of the Alabama Department of Industrial Relations, the State Employment Service found jobs for 5,817 Alabama workers through its network of 33 local offices.

In addition to its regular job placement function, the State Employment Service administers a number of specialized programs. Special programs include the National Job Bank System which provides nationwide exposure of employers' hard-to-fill jobs.

Each public employment office in the United States (more than 2,000) has a complete list of all hard-to-fill jobs within a few days after the placement is made through local State Employment Service offices.

### ELBA POLICE REPORT

The Elba Police Dept. reported an active week with a total of 3 arrests (harassment - 2 and theft of property) and 2 traffic citations (driving without a license and driving on the wrong side of the road). Following are daily activity reports:

#### TUESDAY, FEB. 2

Activity included a report of a power line Reeder, who with a man chasing the trailer with a gun (1:04 p.m.) and a wreck at Simmons and Atkinson (5:07 p.m.).

#### WEDNESDAY, FEB. 3

Activity included a wreck at Simmons and Atkinson (3:12 p.m.).

#### THURSDAY, FEB. 4

Route activity reported.

#### FRIDAY, FEB. 5

Activity included a wreck on County Road 21 (11:24 a.m.) and a wreck on the Beaver Dam Creek bridge (12:18 p.m.).

#### SATURDAY, FEB. 6

Activity included a wreck on Taylor Mill Road and Highland Drive (4:18 a.m.), a disturbance on Caroline St. (12:59 p.m.), a house fire on 125 North (1:35 p.m.) and a fight at a residence on West St. (8:47 p.m.).

#### SUNDAY, FEB. 7

Activity included a report of a subject with a gun in a Kennedy Estates (7:39 p.m.).

#### MONDAY, FEB. 8

Activity included a theft at the post office (6:36 a.m.) and a wreck at Jones and Adams (4:12 p.m.).

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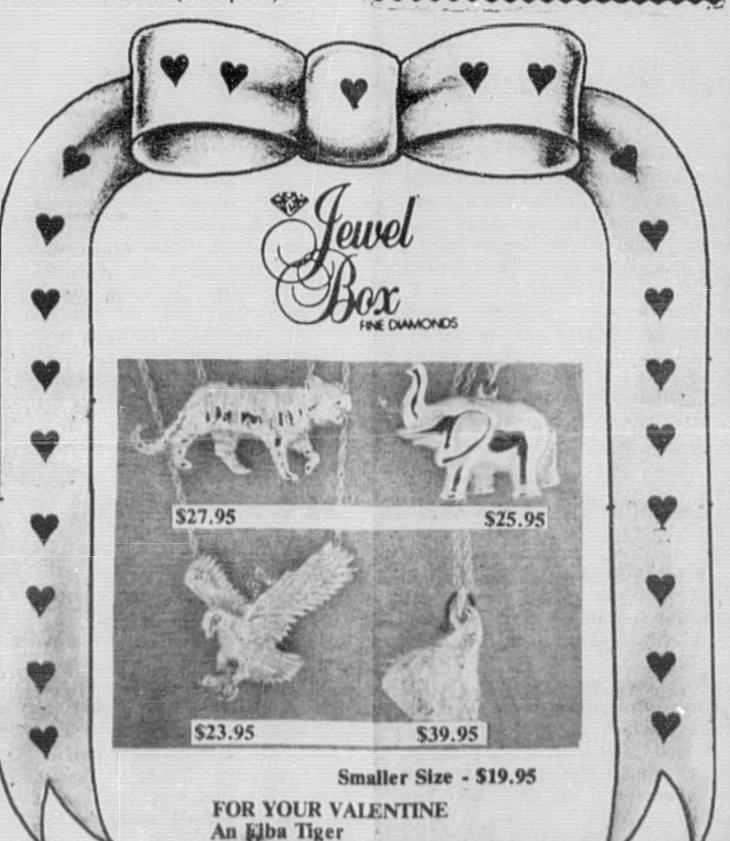
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## OBITUARIES

BROOKE RENEE DAUGHERTY  
Brooke Renee Daugherty, age 14, of Elba, died Friday, Feb. 5, 1988, from injuries received in an automobile accident in Elba.

Funeral services were held Monday, Feb. 8, at 2 p.m. from Hayes Funeral Home Chapel, with the Rev. Dr. Robert Kirkland officiating. Burial followed in Evergreen Cemetery with Hayes directing.

Survivors include her parents: Claude Donald and Janice Daugherty, Elba; one brother: Chuck Donald Daugherty, Elba.

FANNIE MAE KNIGHT  
Mrs. Fannie Mae Knight, 56, of Elba, died January 26, 1988.

Funeral services were held Feb. 3, at 2 p.m. from Hayes Temple Church of God in Christ with Chaplain W.T. Harris officiating. Burial followed in the Evergreen Cemetery, with Coleman and Hammond Funeral Home in charge directing.

Survivors include her brothers:

Mr. Grace Luckett; Mary Nell, Yvette, Evelyn and Tammy Knight, all of Elba; Mrs. LaVonna Anderson, Baton Rouge, La.; four sons: Johnny Phillips, Melvin, Randy and Andy Knight, all of Elba; her mother: Mrs. Nettie Phillips, Elba; four sisters: Mrs. Myrtle A. Crossley, Louisville, Ala.; Mrs. Mary A. Smith, Elba; Mrs. Minnie M. Washington, Elba; Mrs. Nettie A. Morris, Lake Wales, Fla.; a son-in-law: Frank O. Anderson, Baton Rouge, La.; Mr. Marvin Luckett, Montgomery; three brothers-in-law: Otis Smith, Elba; Roosevelt Washington, Birmingham; and two aunts: Mrs. Eula Baldwin and Mrs. Rena Felton, Elba; 19 grandchildren and other relatives and friends.

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USDA Amends  
Regulations Concerning  
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The U.S. Department of Agriculture has amended regulations governing contract additional peanuts to that handlers can fulfill their export obligations without undue hardship.

Handlers of contract additional peanuts operating under an unphysical contract may, subject to certain conditions, obtain credit against their export obligations by combining sound mature and sound split peanut kernels. Export credit will be obtained by crushing the peanuts for oil or distribution to oil refiners.

Previously, handlers of contract additional peanuts were required to export all sound mature and sound split kernels and were allowed to crush only kernels of less quality.

The peanut program regulations were amended to provide handlers with an alternative market for sound mature and sound split kernels when the export market is lost by the handlers of the peanuts become ineligible for export due to aflatoxin contamination.

The public is invited to submit comments about the interim rule or before it becomes final. Comments may be sent to: Director, Tobacco and Peanuts Division, USDA-ASCS, P.O. Box 2415, Washington, D.C. 20013. Comments will be available for public inspection in Room 5750-S of USDA's South Building during business hours.

Contact: John C. Ryan (202) 447-6788.

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Miss Melton

### Miss Melton & Mr. Fuller Announce Wedding Plans

Mr. and Mrs. Wynton S. Melton of Geneva announce the engagement of their daughter, Melinda Carol, to Jerry Kevin Fuller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry C. Fuller of Elba.

Miss Melton is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. William B. Melton of Elba.

She is a 1987 graduate of Geneva High School. She graduated from Enterprise State Junior College with an Associate of Arts degree, and from Troy State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in social science as a secondary school teacher.

Mr. Fuller is the grandson of Mrs. Lena N. Grimes and the late

Mr. Moses L. Grimes, and the late Mr. and Mrs. Curtis E. Fuller, of Elba.

He graduated from Elba High School in 1981, and earned an Associate of Arts degree from Enterprise State Junior College, and a Bachelor of Science degree in business management from Troy State University.

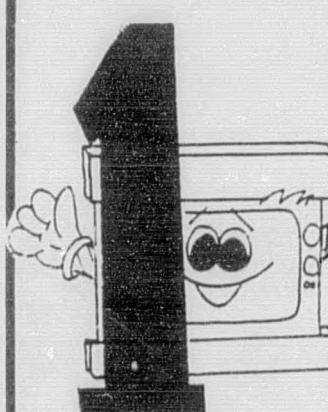
He is an assistant manager with Food World in Troy.

The wedding is planned for Saturday, March 19 at 2 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Geneva.

No invitations will be sent. All friends and relatives are cordially invited to attend.

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### Miss Hammond Becomes Bride Of Mr. Rorie

Miss Anita A. Hammond became the bride of Phillip Rorie in a double-ring, candlelight ceremony at six o'clock in the evening Saturday, Sept. 23, 1988, in the home of the Greater New Zion Baptist Church.

Parents of the couple are Rev. and Mrs. C.A. Hammond of Elba, and Rev. and Mrs. Walter Rorie of Charlotte, N.C.

Rev. Walter Rorie, father of the groom, officiated in the service.

Music was provided by Derringer Byrd, organist, and Theodore Whiting, pianist. Pattie Preston sang the wedding song, "The Tributes." Derringer Byrd sang "The Prayer." Pattie Preston sang "Ave Maria," and Francina Bryant sang "Endless Love."

The front doors of the church were decorated with evergreen wreaths centered with a miniature bride and groom in an arrangement of silk roses and greenery. Large bows adorned the entrance.

On the side entrance sat a round table which held a beautifully bound bride's book and an arrangement of petals, mints and teal silk eggs.

On the altar was a large arrangement of silk roses and greenery. The altar rail was entwined with smax.

The prayer bench was adorned with a large arrangement of large ferns. On each side were basket arrangements of teal, gladiolas, chrysanthemums and carnations.

Teal bows marked the family pews.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride was lovely in a formal gown of ivory designed by Eve Milady of New York, featuring a wide belt, a wide waist, high neckline, and puffed leg-of-mutton sleeves. Beaded Venise motifs adorned the gown with a wide belt.

The groom was decorated with a mustache arrangement of ferns which stood an arch of burning candles.

On each side of the altar were bride and groom entwined with a similar smax. Smax also surrounded the altar area, and the altar rail was entwined with smax.

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The bride's veil of illusion was attached to silk flowers entwined with beaded pearls. She carried a cascade bouquet of stephanotis, roses, baby's breath, mini-tea carnations accented with sprays of pearls and streamers interspersed.

Miss Gladys Clark introduced Mr. Robert Cannon, attorney, who spoke on the topic, "Making Up Your Mind." After his presentation, Mr. Cannon allowed questions from the group.

Mrs. Jim Williams brought a devotional by Peter Marshall.

Rev. C. C. Custer reported on the plane for a visit to the Governor's Mansion in March.

Mrs. Williams reported for the non-teaching committee officers for the new year, and the following were unanimously elected:

President - Mrs. Fulton Spurin

Vice president - Mrs. Spurin

Recording secretary - Mrs. Pauline Allen

Corresponding Secretary - Mrs. Ed Hudson

Treasurer - Mrs. Jim Williams

Parliamentarian - Mrs. S.F. Carnley

Public Relations - Mrs. Harley Hasty

Mrs. Prescott suggested the club adopt the theme "Alabama" for a yearly project, which was approved. She and the other members of the group made a visit to the courthouse with Judge Branson conducting the tour.

The Valentine motif was prevalent in the party refreshments served by the hostesses and enjoyed by Mr. and Mrs. Jim Williams, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Custer, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Carnley, Miss Gladys Clark, Miss Eleanor Lee, Mrs. R.H. Lee, Mrs. Mayo Prescott, Mrs. E.M. Warr, Mrs. Jim Williams, Mrs. Harley Hasty, Mrs. Hudson, Mrs. Spurin and Mrs. Nellie B. Martin.

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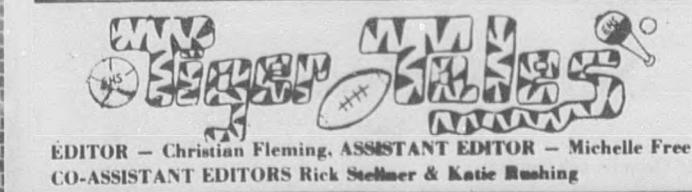
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### All Girls Interested In Trying Out For Junior Cheerleader To Meet Feb. 18

There will be a meeting Thursday, Feb. 18, in the high school auditorium for girls in grades 6-8 who are interested in trying out for the junior high cheerleader squad. Try-out date is set for Feb. 21.

### FFA Quartet Chosen For '88

Pictured are members of the 1987-88 Elba FFA quartet: Amelia Bedsole, Mandy Ham, Christi Smith, Whitney Wise, Krysti Owens. The quartet represents the FFA chapter at many school and community functions and FFA contests.

### Parent-Teacher Night Set For Feb. 22 At Elba

Elba High School is planning to have a Parent-Student Night to discuss the course curriculum at our school. We want parents to know what Elba High School has to offer, and the

### Elba VICA Club To Hold Annual Skills Contest Tonight

The Elba High Chapter of VICA (Vocational Industrial Clubs of America) will host the district VICA Skills contest on March 5. 1988.

The contest is invited to come see these students exhibit the skills they are learning in these programs.

### SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

The Wiregrass Auburn Club plans to award several one-year tuition scholarships to deserving Wiregrass area high school seniors. Applications must be returned by March 1, 1988.

The Cargill Foundation will award 150 \$1,000 scholarships to high school seniors from rural

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### WHAT'S COOKING??

#### ELBA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

FEB. 15 - 19  
Monday - Holiday  
BREAKFAST

Tuesday - Cinnamon Roll (homemade), Juice, Milk

Wednesday - Cereal, Juice, Milk

Thursday - Cheese, Toast, Juice, Milk

Friday - Toast, Sausage, Jelly, Milk

LUNCH

Tuesday - Fish, French Fries, Cake, Fruit, Milk, Bread

Wednesday - Hamburger on Bun, Dill, Onions, Potato Tots, Peach, Milk

Thursday - Stew Beef With Vegetables, English Peas, Cheese, French Fries

Friday - Beef Pattie and Gravy, Rice, Green Beans, Fruit, Milk

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOLS

FEB. 15 - 19  
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BREAKFAST

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Wednesday - Cereal, Juice, Milk

Thursday - Cheese, Toast, Juice, Milk

Friday - Toast, Sausage, Jelly, Milk

LUNCH

Tuesday - Fish, Tarter Sauce, French Fries, Catsup, Cole Slaw, Hush Puppies (homemade), Milk

Wednesday - Hot Dogs, French Fries, Catsup, Baked Beans with Macaroni & Cheese, Chocolate Pudding

Thursday - Beef Pattie, Gravy, French Fries, Canned Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Baked Rolls, Milk

Friday - Pizza, Corn-on-Cob, Peach Cobbler, Milk

### TDS Systems Is Employer Of The Week

Employer of the Week - TDS Systems - We are pleased to have as a participant in the 1987-88 coop program, TDS Systems. TDS has been employing students from the Elba High School coop program since its opening in Elba. This business has been an asset to the program by the training it provides our students.

Kelly Grummer, a senior has been employed by TDS since June 8, 1987. She attends classes each morning and begins her work experience with her employer each day at 1 p.m.

The welding contest will be held at the welding shop in the vocational

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The winner from these local schools will be invited to the district VICA Skills contest on March 5, 1988.

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# Sports

## Views From The Pressbox By, Ricky Mularz

The winter weather that blew in Friday played havoc with the local sports scene and all the basketball games in the county were either canceled or postponed, which took a huge bite out of my usual sports news. I haven't been around snow enough to know if I like it or not, but when the snow mixes with sleet and rain, I have a definite opinion - I don't like it one bit!

### ELBA TIGERS BEGIN TO WIND DOWN DISAPPOINTING SEASON

The Elba Tigers will wrap up another basketball season next week and unless the Tigers do an abrupt about-face, they will suffer their second straight losing season. The Tigers saw their record dip to 5-11 last week with a lopsided loss to Enterprise and with two very tough regular season games left and one more bout left against a Louisville team that has already beaten Elba twice - the Tigers will have to pull off a major upset to improve on last season's 5-15 record.

Elba fans going into the season that it could be a long year on the court; however, I don't think anyone thought the Tigers were struggling to the point of either an abrupt turnaround or a collapse. The season started only two years ago and only one was a returner, which caused an obvious lack of experience; and despite the losing season the players have never given up, and battled as hard as they could until the final buzzer in every game all season. I'm not giving up on the Tigers yet and we have hope that if we put it all together and play a couple of games in the area and advance on to the state; however, even if they do fall in the remaining games and end up with only five wins, we know that the players gave all that they had and didn't give up without a battle.

### COUNTY TEAMS PREPARE FOR STREIT DRIVE

The regular season ends Friday night for all the high school basketball teams in the county and as always that means that it's "turnover time," a time that all cage fans look forward to each and every year. What's going to happen? I don't know, but here is what I expect to see as I make the rounds next week . . .

\*\*\*New Brockton - The Gamecocks appear to have a cakewalk through the area tournament as they have a combined record of 8-0 against the other three teams in the field. New Brockton has juked its deliberate style of play in recent week for a more run-and-gun style, and then they keep putting together another trip to the tournament court when the Gamecocks appears to be the most likely team to move on as the runner-up in the area since it has easily beaten both Zion Chapel and Highland Home, but don't count out either the Rebels or the Flying Squadron.

\*\*\*Kinston - The Bulldogs have struggled to a 4-4 record getting off to a 4-0 start and until now have still lost their first home season ever under Coach Pete Kelley. Kinston has tradition and was in a similar position last year when it stunned Brantley in the area tournament and then went on to make it to state, so it can be done; however, this time around it seems unlikely since undefeated Brantley is lying straight ahead - and you know that the Brantley players still remember last year's season-ending loss. If Kinston wasn't playing Brantley I'd probably pick it to make it to state, but this is not the case, and it looks like the end is near in '88 for the Bulldogs.

### ELBA FOOTBALL BANQUET IS ENJOYABLE, AS ALWAYS

The Elba Tiger football team was honored last week with its annual football banquet and since I've been to the banquet 18 straight years I feel like I can say it was just as good as ever! The seniors all received plaques that included a team photo and a roster of all the players, and the remaining players all received pins. The team was a group of 10 seniors and a group of 10 juniors. At Elba, Coach Wood never gives anyone special trophies because of his belief that in a team sport there are no one more most valuable player, and I think the practice makes the team closer because the other players probably help but a little less than the one who got the most awards.

Anyway - the steaks were good, the speeches short and the fellowship great!

## It's "Tournament Time" For All County Teams



Elba's Dax Landre (10) and Robert Wilson (22) play in week's Area 4 tournament.

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competing. The tourney will start on Tuesday, Feb. 16 with the Zion Chapel Rebels and Goshen Eagles

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6th Grade [L-R]: Amanda Lunsford - New Brockton - 1st place; Laura Brown - Zion Chapel - 2nd place; Denise Farris - Kinston - 3rd place (T); and Scott Herrington - New Brockton - 3rd place (T).



Zion Chapel 4th-grade winners: (L-R): Aaron Carswell, Jonathan McWaters, Amy Jackson



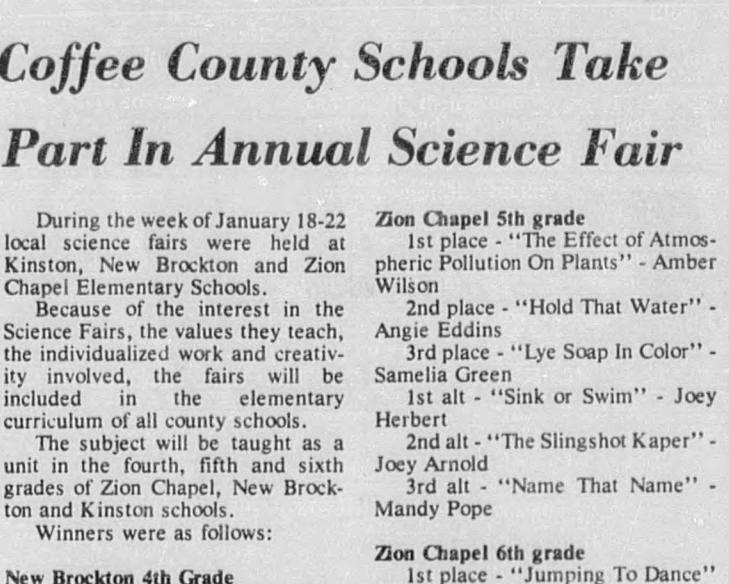
Zion Chapel 5th-grade winners: (L-R): Amber Wilson, Angie Eddins, Samelia Green



Zion Chapel 6th-grade winners: (L-R): Laura Brown, Beverly Flowers, Jerry Johnson



New Brockton 4th-grade winners: (L-R): Beau Lassiter, Rory Holladay, Blaine Anderson



Coffee County Schools Take Part In Annual Science Fair

During the week of January 18-22 local science fairs were held at Kinston, New Brockton and Zion Chapel Elementary Schools.

Because of the interest in the Science Fairs, the values they teach, the individualized work and creativity involved, the fairs will be included in the county educational curriculum of all county schools.

The subject will be taught as a unit in the fourth, fifth and sixth grades of Zion Chapel, New Brockton and Kinston schools.

Winners were as follows:

**New Brockton 4th Grade**  
1st place - "How Does Color Affect Heat?" - Beau Lassiter  
2nd place - "Transparent vs. Translucent" - Rory Holladay  
3rd place - "Hollow Strength" - Blaine Anderson  
1st alt - "Is Air Necessary?" - Jerry Johnson  
1st alt - "Shell Patterns" - Chris Hodges  
2nd alt - "Let There Be Light" - Brad Flowers  
3rd alt - "Will It Will Not - It Will" - Luke Green

**New Brockton 5th Grade**  
1st place - "Dyslexia vs. Optical Illusion" - Cornelius Burrows  
2nd place - "Short Stops" - Karen Harrison  
3rd place - "Is It Tide or Is It Cheat?" - Rebekah Farris  
1st alt - "How To Bring An Ant To Life" - Curtis Threat  
2nd alt - "Water Flow" - Amy Arrington  
3rd alt - "The Heart At Work" - Susan Smith

**Kinston 6th Grade**  
1st place - "Balance of Nature" - Anthony Jones  
2nd place - "Grinding - The Call of the Whetstone Deep" - Adam Davis  
3rd place - "Will Different Weights Affect Inertia?" - Josh Davis

**Kinston 5th Grade**  
1st place - "Oxygen Pump" - Scott Herrington  
2nd place - "A Diabetic Dilemma - To Exercise or Not To Exercise" - Amanda Lunsford  
1st alt - "Exercise, Presure and Your Circulatory System" - Debbie Edwards

2nd alt - "Does Planting Grass On Highly Erodible Cropland Really Prevent Soil Erosion?" - Frankie Lott

3rd alt - "The Growth of Jumbo Tomato Plants by Hydroponics" - Brad Grantham

**Zion Chapel 4th Grade**  
1st place - "Nature's Fireworks - What Is Lightning and Can We Make Our Own?" - Aaron Carswell  
2nd place - "How Well Does Granite Conduct Electricity?" - Jonathan McWaters  
3rd place - "Crystals" - Amy Jackson  
1st alt - "Puzzled" - Shawn Burke  
2nd alt - "How Do Plants Come From Seeds?" - Celeste Richards  
3rd alt - "The Growth of Jumbo Tomato Plants by Hydroponics" - Brad Grantham

**Zion Chapel 5th Grade**  
1st place - "Learning Is Easy" - Denise Farris  
2nd place - "How Well Does Granite Conduct Electricity?" - Cindy Clark  
3rd place - "Can Water Magnify?" - Charles Patterson  
1st alt - "Service" - Michael Williams  
2nd alt - "Do Deer React To The Rattling of Antlers?" - Jerry Hattaway  
3rd alt - "Are Paper Bags Good Insulators?" - Shannon Grace



Kinston 4th-grade winners: (L-R): Shasta Farris, Alyssa Malloy, Terra Weeks



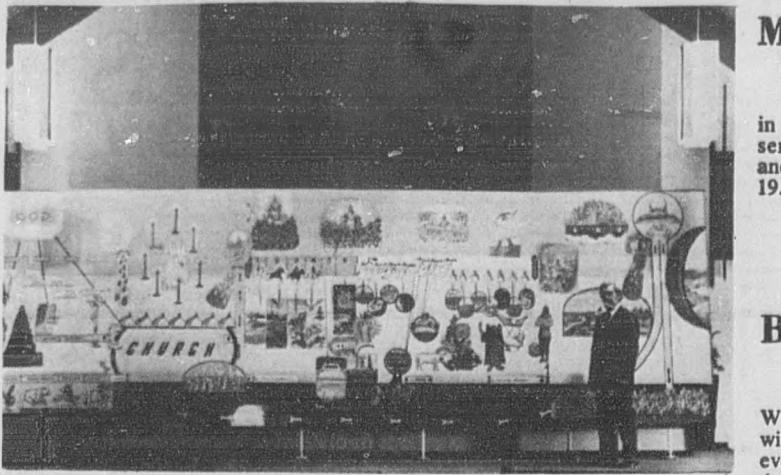
Kinston 5th-grade winners: (L-R): Anthony Jones, Adam Davis, Josh Davis



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### Science Fair Photos By ...

# The Elba Clipper



Rev. Nolin To Teach Bible Prophecy At New Brockton Assembly

A series of messages on Bible prophecy will be presented Sunday, Feb. 14 through Friday, Feb. 19, at the New Brockton First Assembly of God.

Times will be Sunday at 6 p.m.; Rev. Stevens L. Nolin, a lifelong student of Bible prophecy, who has traveled widely in the Middle East, will be the ministry speaker.

The series of inter-related messages will deal with the turbulent mid-east situation, the AIDS epidemic, the crisis on Wall Street and other signs of the times.

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## Shelling A Tub Of Corn By The Fire (And Other Winternight Fun)

By: Faye Brown  
Moundville, Ala.

Today's parents provide their children with winternight fun by bringing video players and tape tapes. Our parents had a tub of shucked corn and set in front of the fire. After supper we would each get a wobbly straight chair and gather round, trying for the best spot - the in-between place where you can't get to death nor burn your legs from the blazing wood and the tub's hot rim.

First, Daddy'd row the ears off us to less unnerve things like rhymes about "Simple Simon" and a bunch of other riddles asking, "How many were done to Saint Ives?" She didn't want us sleeping off across the hall with seven quills pulled atop our heads, a shield and a scary creature to stand about.

With the corn was shelled, and the cobs reduced to ashes, and the tub moved off into the corner, we'd

inch our semi-circle closer to the dying fire and play "Thimble, thimble, who's got the thimble?" or "Rock-a-hoo!" with some old button.

The highlight of the candy making was the way the dark redhead, the bubbling syrup, changed quick from a sullen blonde when Mama dropped a pinch of salt in the pan. My favorite favorite thing about it was the time when we, with lard-protected hands, could take a lump of bleached, hot candy and pull it back and forth and make it into something grand, the way a person pulls an old accordian back and forth and brings out feasting for the soul.

Perhaps the thing we did most often on long cold winter nights was to eat the corn that we had grown in fields during heated summer months. We popped it for eating plain, with salt or melted butter from the cow. And we popped it for making popcorn, the shucking in the barn and the shelling by the fire. My brother and I always pretended to do a good job, gathering the scattered strays and putting them outside to be pecked next day by shivering, wind-tossed hens.

But our sins always found us out. They were too many. Mama would beg Mama to tell us, just one more time, about the Candy Pulls, with her eyes closed, when she was a young, happy lass.

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## Shelling A Tub Of Corn By The Fire (And Other Winternight Fun)

By: Faye Brown  
Moundville, Ala.

Today's parents provide their children with winternight fun by bringing video players and tape machines. Our children had a tub of shucked corn and set in front of the fire. After supper we would each get a wobbly straight chair and gather round, trying for the best spot - the in-between place where you can't get to death nor burn your legs from the blazing wood and the tub's hot rim.

First, Daddy'd row the ears off us to less unerring things like rhymes about "Simple Simon" and a number of riddles asking, "How many were done to Saint Ives?" She didn't want us sleeping off across the hall with seven quills pulled atop our heads, a shield and a scary creature to be told about.

With the corn was shelled, and the cobs reduced to ashes, and the tub moved off into the corner, we'd

inch our semi-circle closer to the dying fire and play "Thimble, thimble, who's got the thimble?" or "Rock-a-hoo!" with some old button.

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Nothing prepared better than the howling of the winter winds like cooking snacks out in the kitchen after supper. But before we could make the peanut brittle we had to start a fire, gathering sticks and coals from the vines we had picked off the trees.

One of our favorite things was making molasses candy that had to be cooked, then pulled, and pulled, and twisted. While we did this

we'd sing old songs and old hymns.

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## FROM OUR EARLY FILES

## TEN YEARS AGO

FEBRUARY 16, 1978

\*\*\*Mr. and Mrs. Thaniel Carr were honored with a surprise birthday party on Sunday, Feb. 5, given by their children. Their birthdays were Feb. 4 and 5.

\*\*\*Coast Guard Seaman Apprentice Quartermaster Jeffrey H. Windham reported duty aboard the Coast Guard Cutter "Cape Hatteras" homeported at Galveston, Tex. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George G. Windham of Elba. A 1977 graduate of Elba High School, he joined the Coast Guard in December of 1976.

\*\*\*Kathy Bowers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Burin Bowers of Rt. 5 Elba, was among the December graduates of the Home Economics School of Alabama. She graduated from the School of Home Economics with Bachelor of Science in Retailing and equivalent minor in General Business.

\*\*\*Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. York announce the engagement of their daughter Carol Elizabeth to Mark Vaughan, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Vaughan of Elba. The wedding will be May 3 at 3 in the Heritage Baptist Church in Montgomery.

\*\*\*Young Black and Gold, a five-year-old from Elba recently attended a National Baton Twirling Contest in Calera and brought back 18 trophies. They were Sherri Dooley, age 12; Shelly Judie, Vonda Marie, 13; Krysti Owens, 7; Kim Parrish, 14; Tasha Lindsey, 4; of Troy also attended.

## THIRTY YEARS AGO

FEBRUARY 13, 1958

\*\*\*The City of Elba was requested by the Coffee County Commission to move the parking meters by unanimous vote to remove the parking meters from the courthouse lawn. A parking meter ordinance went into effect Feb. 1 and since then there has been much discussion about whether the city has legal authority to enforce use of parking meters alongside streets beside the courthouse.

\*\*\*Jim Tom Jackson, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Nolin of Elba, has been sent to duty in San Diego, Calif. He attended Elba High School and enlisted in the Navy at the age of 17.

\*\*\*I hereby announce my candidacy for reelection to the office of judge of Coffee County, Ala. — J. Oscar English.

\*\*\*Mr. and Mrs. Hoy Williams of Union Springs announce the birth of their baby girl Jan. 21. She has been named Anna. Mrs. Hoy Williams and Mrs. Vaughn Hamm and children, Sharon and Jeff of Montgomery visited them here recently.

\*\*\*Mrs. Nelson of Cox Beach, Fla. spent last week with Mrs. Kate Brunson and Miss Mercer Brunson.

\*\*\*A lovely tea honoring Mrs. Norman Johnson held last Saturday afternoon in the home of Nancy Carnley when she, Judy Larkins, Carolyn Deal and Sue Morrow were hostesses.

## TWENTY YEARS AGO

FEBRUARY 15, 1968

\*\*\*The Beef Cookoff for Coffee Kinston, 1st - Susan Nobles, Kinston; 2nd - Lawanna Hobbs - Elba; 3rd - Gail Varney, Enterprise.

\*\*\*Wayne Brazelton, age 59, died Sunday night, with funeral services at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday from the Elba Methodist Church, with Dr. T.S. Harris officiating. Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Annye Brazelton, a son, Bill Brazelton, a daughter, Joanne Brazelton; three brothers, three sisters.

## FORTY YEARS AGO

FEBRUARY 12, 1948

\*\*\*C.B. McDowell, "How much patience should a friend have?" Charles Hayes, popular hardware dealer, was measured 100 feet of rope, and he almost died when A.C. Dunaway asked him a pointed question. Charles answered, but for his count and started over. He tried to do the same thing again, causing him to fall in the count, and he began measuring again. The third time Dunaway tried the stunt, Charles stopped and retorted, "I wish you would stop your blame mouth and we'd get on counting."

\*\*\*Miss Helen Allard came home from Troy where she is attending S.T.C. to spend the weekend with her mother, Mrs. Helen Allard, Mrs. Prescott, Mrs. Wesley Ham and Mrs. Roberts Childs visited in Montgomery Saturday. Capt. and Mrs. Charles E. Easters, son of Douglas Jr. visited his mother, Mrs. Eva Easters, during last weekend. Capt. Easters has recently been transferred from Fairhope, Calif. to Montgomery where he is attending a Special Staff School at Gunter Field.

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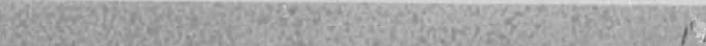
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## 19 apprehended at rural rumble

What began as an argument over a 15-year-old girl between two teenagers, who apparently escaped to a possible "game fight" over the weekend before officials from the Coffee County Sheriff's Dept. arrived at the scene of the planned fight and apprehended 17 juveniles,

two 18-year-olds and numerous weapons.

According to a statement from Sheriff Dept. a caller notified the department on Saturday morning, Feb. 13, that two large groups of boys were planning a fight behind the old Goodman School at approximately 3 p.m. that day.

The fight apparently started over a 15-year-old girl and ended into what was called a "game fight" when both boys involved talked friends into helping solve the problem.

Sheriff's deputies arrived at the

scene hours before the planned fight and stationed an unmarked car near a road leading to the school and second unmarked car near another road near the school.

Deputies noticed three white males entering the school yard on

foot early in the afternoon, and when the males recognized the deputies the reported broke and ran from the scene. The youths were later caught and upon search it was discovered that one of the three had a martial arts weapon in his possession.

Later in the day deputies saw a group of vehicles gathering at a church near the Goodman Community, and after blocking the vehicles' escape, searched the occupants of the vehicles and the occupants of other vehicles later arriving at the scene turned up weapons that included a .25 automatic pistol, a .22 revolver, home-

made and professionally made nightsticks, numerous martial arts weapons, hunting knives and pocket knives, pipe, brass knuckles, a butcher's steel and other homemade weapons.

Authorities reported they apprehended 17 juveniles, which were later released to their parents awaiting juvenile action, and arrested two males, both age 18.

Those arrested were identified as Robert Lee Stewart, age 18, of New Brockton, charged with possession of firearms; and first obtaining a permit, and Russell D. Mayo, who was charged with carrying a concealed weapon.

## County School Board approves

### 'Saturday Detention Program'

The Coffee County Board of Education met in regular monthly session at the school board headquarters in Elba and approved plans for the implementation of a "Saturday Detention Program" at all schools in the county system.

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